

# **Community Action Research in Sociology 2016**

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**First Prize:** 「跨性別人士遇到的誤會及化解方法」  
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**Comments:**

“This report focuses on the situation of transgender persons in Hong Kong and uses a questionnaire to survey how young people view transgender persons. The authors also conducted a focus group interview with young people as well as interviews with transgender persons to find out the difficulties they face in daily lives. The findings of the survey are clearly presented. Data from the focus group interviews elicited examples of how respondents perceive of the discrimination faced by transgender persons in various contexts and the possible reasons behind them. The in-depth interview with a transgender man provides further depth to the report. The authors are able to draw upon the findings to give suggestions with regards to policy and education. This is a high quality report and makes a good contribution to promote greater understanding towards transgender issues in Hong Kong.”

“The major contribution of this research is to explore the much neglected topic of transgender in the studies of gender and sexuality in Hong Kong. The research can highlight an anomalous situation in Hong Kong: as a disadvantaged social category the transgender has been receiving more public concern in recent years, but indifference and discrimination are still largely prevalent in popular perception. Given the difficulty of getting in touch with transgendered people, the research can make use of a plurality of research methods, including questionnaire, focus group and in-depth interview, to arrive at an adequate understanding of the attitudes of ordinary citizens towards the transgender, as well as the real difficulties encountered by the latter. On the basis of these findings, the research can propose some policy recommendations for the alleviation of transgender discrimination in Hong Kong.”